A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No.

(*c*). It is difficult to say how many persons applied for such nomination, as many people applied orally or in person and there is no record of their names.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know if the Chairman did not send any other names besides that of Mr. Venugopal Pillai? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No name was submitted by anybody."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Utilization of temple properties for technological studies.

* 1702 *Q.*—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the First Provincial Self-Respect Conference held at Chingleput communicated to Government resolutions to the effect that the income and properties of the existing temples and mutts should be utilized for the promotion of technological studies, vocational education and industrial research, that not a single pie or single pie's worth of material should be used in the cause of worship in the temple, that no priest or intermediary between the worshipper and the worshipped should be employed, and that celebrations of festivals in temples ought to be immediately put a stop to ;

(*b*) whether the Government intend to introduce an amending Bill to the Madras Religious Endowments Act on those lines ; and

(*c*) what action the Government intend to take on those resolutions ?

A.—No such resolutions have been received.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know if the hon. the Chief Minister opened the Self-Respect Conference ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I did."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether he is aware of this resolution being passed ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am aware of the resolution because I read of it in the papers."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" With reference to answer (*c*), may I know whether it is not as a result of the passing of the resolution by the Self-Respect Conference, the hon. Minister has thought, *suo motu* of introducing any such amendment to the Act ? "

The hon. Dr. P SUBBARAYAN :—" Not that I am aware of."

Town-planning

Town-planning schemes started by municipalities.

*1703 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to my question No. 848 answered on 29th November 1928, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased (i) to place before the House a statement showing the several town-planning and improvement schemes started on the initiative of municipalities under section 8 of Town-Planning Act or under the direction of Government under section 12 of the same Act and (ii) to state—

(*a*) in what manner owners have been consulted under section 11 in the case of municipal schemes under section 8; and

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(*b*) whether the procedure required by section 11 has been insisted upon by Government in the case of schemes under section 12 and if not, on what grounds?

A.—(i) A statement [a] showing the town-planning schemes is placed on the table. Provisions of sections 8 to 12 do not apply to town improvement schemes which are undertaken under section 6 (1) of the Town-Planning Act, 1920.

(ii) (*a*) An extract from the rules issued by the Government under section 44 of the Town-Planning Act, 1920, in this regard is placed on the table. The Government have no reason to suppose that these rules have not been observed.

(*b*) The wording of section 12 clearly indicates that the procedure prescribed in sections 9 to 11 need not be followed in the case of schemes called for under that section.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" The Government state that they have no reason to suppose that these rules have not been observed. I do not think it is a correct statement . . ."

The hon. the President :—" The hon. Member will have to take some other opportunity to make his assertions ; I cannot allow the hon. Member to do so during question time."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" I may say that that observation . . . ."

The hon. the President :—" The hon. Member will kindly resume his seat."

Forests

Execution of working plans by the Forest Department.

* 1704 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a survey or collection of statistics in regard to the approximate number of timber trees, fuel trees, etc., in the reserved forests of the Madras Presidency has ever been made, and if so, when and with what results ;

(*b*) what steps have been taken to remedy the defects as to the preparation and carrying out of the working plans, regeneration and sylviculture noted in the Forest Department Administration Report for 1926–27 ; and

(*c*) whether Government have considered the advisability of entrusting the work to each conservator instead of entrusting it to one working plans' conservator for all the circles with their varied conditions?

A.—(*a*) No attempt has ever been made to ascertain the approximate number of timber trees, fuel trees, etc., in the reserved forests nor is it possible to do so.

(*b*) The steps taken to remedy the defects in the preparation and carrying out of the working plans are—

(1) The preparation of important working plans is entrusted to the regular working plans staff.

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 79–81 infra.